**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Shmulewitz, et al.)

Application No.: 09/320,172)

Filed: May 26, 1999)

For: Apparatus for Providing Coronary)
Retroperfusion and Methods of Use)

Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Nguyen, A.T.

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action of March 27, 2001. A five (5) month extension of time is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and Check No. 2385 in the amount of \$975.00 is enclosed. Applicant filed a new Power of Attorney and change of address before issuance of this office action. However, the Office mailed the Office Action to the prior address of record. This resulted in a delay in receipt of the office action by applicant present counsel. Applicant will petition for a full or partial refund of the extension fee in view of this error by the Office. The Examiner is requested to mail all future correspondence to applicants undersigned counsel of record, not to applicant's previous counsel.

Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, to prosecute Species 1 (Figure 1) in the event no generic claim is deemed allowable. At least Claim 1 is currently generic. Applicant submits that Claims 1-26, 28-30 and 32-36 presently read on the elected Species 1 (Figure 1). Claims 1-36,, without traverse.

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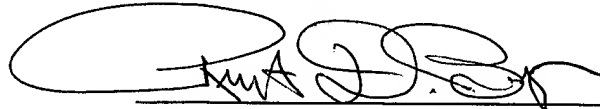
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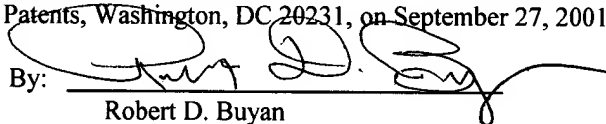
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